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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, the 12th August 1965.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Fixation of pay

* 111 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the service of a teacher in an Elementary School is taken into account for the fixation of his pay in a High School; and

(*b*) whether the service of a teacher in a High School is taken into account for the fixation of his pay if he joins in an Elementary School?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER: May I know Sir, whether these orders have been communicated to the departmental officers, who are responsible for the fixation of the salary?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: This order has taken effect on 1st June 1960, but no arrears of pay will be allowed.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Sir, I would once again bring it to the notice of the Government that on 1st June 1960 the correspondents of the schools had to take into account the past service. Now the departmental officers have to take into account the past service of these teachers. These departmental officers seem to take the stand that because the correspondents did not take into account the past service of the teachers, the question should not be re-opened. May I urge that the order may kindly be communicated to the department officers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I would suggest to the hon. Member to write a short note on this and give it to me.

Statement of the Home Minister of the Government of India

* 112 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be leased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the statement of the Home Minister of the Government of India calling for greater efficiency at all levels and deploring staff selection based on personal whims, that appeared in " The Mail ", dated 29th January 1965;

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(b) if so, whether this is applicable to this State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to rectify such things?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The conditions in this State do not warrant radical changes at present.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, even in this State the opinion of the public is that the Government are having their own personal whims even in the selection of the officers to the judiciary? Will this Government take steps to remove this opinion?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That may be the view of the hon. Member with which I am too familiar. But I do not accept that is the view of the public, and I do not propose to take any action.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : It is only the view of the public. Many responsible people have told me this. That is why I am voicing their opinion here. This is not my personal view, because I do not know anything about the selections to the judiciary. It is said that the Government very often interfere in the day-to-day administration by the executive. This leads to the deterioration in the standards of their work. So, will the Government correct the position?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have nothing to add to what I have already said.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Sir, may I know the gist of the matter that appeared in 'The Mail' on the date in question?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This refers to a statement of the Home Minister that has appeared in some newspapers.

Action against the Editor of "Viduthalai"

* 113 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 218 on 27th March 1965—

(a) whether any action has been taken against the Editor of Viduthalai"; and

(b) if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : May I know, Sir, why no action has been taken against the editor of the paper?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government examined the question and found that no action was called for.